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Skyline Mine

A Subsidiary of Arch Western Bituminous Group, LLC.

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Ms. Dana Dean
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RE: Expedited Review of BC-3 Fan Amendment, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC., Skyline
Mines, UPDES Permit UT0023540


Dear Ms. Dean:

I want to express my appreciation to you and your staff for the expedited review of the BC-3 Fan Installation amendment. Due to the combination of pending ventilation requirements that will allow the mine to continue to operate in a safe and efficient manner, and the coming of the winter season, Skyline Mine needs to start construction of the fan installation within a very short time frame.

The members of your staff involved in the amendment application were Jim Smith – Permit Supervisor; Priscilla Burton – Team Lead; and Wayne Western – Engineer and head reviewer. The Division received the amendment application on September 15, 2008, completed the Initial review on September 24, 2008, and notified us of the pending approval being finalized on October 8, 2008. This 3-week review and approval has helped our operation to start the necessary construction in a timely manner.

I appreciate your staff's flexibility in addressing time-sensitive scheduling when these type of situations arise.

Sincerely,


Wesley K. Sorensen
General Manager
Skyline Mine

Cc: John Baza – Director; Division of Oil, Gas, & Mining

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